Fairlawn United Church

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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st, 1947

Morning Services - 9:30 and 11:15 o'clock

Organ Prelude - "At The Cradle" - - - - Grigg
Choir - "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings" - Churchill
(Congregation rises with minister and joins with Choir in Hymn 47 -"O Come All Ye Faithful")
Carol 51 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (1st Service)
Scripture - The Story as told by Matthew
Prayer - Rev. Ed. G. Robb
Sacrament of Infant Baptism (Second Service)
Quartet - "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices" - Verdi
Dorothy Thornton - Soprano Larry Marshall - Tenor
Ruth Burwash - Contralto Richard Smith - Bass
Offertory - "Christmas Prelude" - - - Corelli
Choral Response
Anthem - "Carol from Lapland" - Arranged - Dickenson
Hymn 65 - "The First Nowell" - Traditional Carol
Sermon - WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?
Hymn 59 - "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" - Wesley
Benediction
Choral Amen

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

M. & M. - The M. & M. Dept. of the United Church are making an appeal at this Christmas Season for additional contributions to the M. & M. Fund. Special Envelopes have been provided for those who have not contributed to the Fund this year through the Duplex Envelopes.

Next Sunday 11 a.m. - FINISHING THE UNFINISHED
7 p.m. - YOUTH AND ITS GOLIATHS
At the Evening Service, "The Fairlawn Prize", the Robert Raikes Diplomas, Junior Church Attendance Certificates, the John Allen Scout Cup, and other awards of the Church and Church School will be presented.

Sunday, Jan. 4 - New Year's Messages and Music

Sunday, Jan. 11 - Two Morning Services - Holy Communion and Reception of new members.

Evening Service - 7 o'clock

PAGEANT OF NATIVITY and WHITE GIFT SERVICE

(Service will proceed unannounced)

Please have ready - Hymns 58, 62, and 55

Prelude - Christmas Carols - Organist, Mrs. Gallimore
Prologue - Barbara Sheriff
Chorus - "O Little Town of Bethlehem" - - Choir
Prayer - Rev. Ed. G. Robb
Hymn 58 - "It Came --- Clear" (Congregation Standing)
Prophesies - The Patriarch and Boy
Tableau - The Annunciation - Mary and an Angel
Solo - "A King Shall Reign" - Richard Smith
Chorus - "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings" - Choir
Processional - "O Come, All Ye Faithful" - C.G.I.T., Angels and Choir
Scripture - The Christmas Story by Luke - The Minister
"Silent Night" - Duet and Choir
Solo - Mary
Trio - "Away in a Manger" - Small Angels
Hymn 62 - "While Shepherds Watched" (Congreg. seated)

PROCESSION OF SHEPHERDS

Solo - "Star of the East" - Dorothy Thornton

THE STAR APPEARS

"We Three Kings" - - - - - - Male Voices

PROCESSION OF KINGS

Offering - "Story of the White Gifts"- Harold Harris
Quartet - "Brightest and Best"
Dorothy Thornton Larry Marshall
Ruth Burwash Richard Smith
Presentation of Offering and White Gifts
Choral Response - "Franconia"
Hymn 55 - "Joy to the World" (Congregation Seated)
Chorus - "Hallelujah" (Handel)
Benediction
Choral Amen
Recessional (Congregation Standing)

Christmas Message — 1947

Christmas! There is magic in the word. To the young it is a time of joy and generosity. Childhood's sunny years soon slip by, and the problems of a troubled world will close in on them. So may the children on this happy day make memories that they will cherish through the years. The Christmas carols, stories, the joy of giving and receiving, stars, candles, and not the least, the good things to eat, make Christmas the brightest day in the annals of childhood.

Christmas means "home" to many. If the home environment is one of love, loyalty, unselfishness, gratitude and moral discipline, then the meaning of Christmas will find its true expression. What a difference to our way of living, if we all practised throughout the year, the virtues so dominant at Christmas.

To persons of a deep, abiding faith, Christmas recalls the glorious fulfilment of ancient hopes, and the coming of a new day that will cleanse the world of wrongs and hatreds, and fill life with the song the angels sang, of peace on earth, good will toward men. That day of universal peace and good will has yet to dawn. Why is it not here? Have we forgotten: "If Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, yet till He is born in me, my soul is all forlorn". If that truth could only be believed and achieved by our poor wayward world, all the problems of re-building our civilization would be solved in the twinkling of an eye.

The Christmas obligation on us all is to change the words of William Blake's poem to read:

"Nor shall the staff rest in my hand
Until we have builded Bethlehem
In every land".

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